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SUBJECT: KHAN ON FAILURE OF FARAKKA TALKS, SEES NO RESUMPTION
OF DISCUSSION

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1. AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN
JANUARY 23 FROM NEW DELHI, ADMIRAL KHAN ANNOUNCED THAT
THE FARAKKA TALKS HAD FAILED AND EMPHATICALLY RULED OUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES IN THE DRY SEASON "OR EVEN IN THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE." HE SAID THAT THE DISPUTE "COULD HAVE BEEN
RESOLVED IN ONE SITTING" AND THAT "WE TRIED ALL AVENUES,
EVEN MADE CONCESSIONS SO THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD BE
REACHED," BUT IN THE END THERE WAS FAILURE AS "THERE HAS
TO BE RECIPROCITY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT." KAN URGED THE
PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH, HOWEVER, NOT TO BE "UNDULY
CONCERNED" AND DECLARED "IF WE WANT TO LIVE LIKE A SOVER-
EIGN NATION WE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM." HE
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ASSERTED THAT "WE WILL HAVE TO BE SELF-RELIANT...WE
MUST FIND OUR OWN SOLUTION. WE CAN'T DEPEND ON OTHERS."
SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTING HIS PREVIOUS REMARK, KHAN CON-
CLUDED THAT BANGLADESH'S EFFORTS TO SOLVE HER PROBLEMS
HAD BEEN APPRECIATED AND "ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WILL
ASSIST IN IMPROVING (OUR) WATER RESOURCES."

2. COMMENT: THAT THE TALKS FAILED IS HARDLY SURPRISING, CONSIDERING THE PESSIMISM IN DACCA AT THE TIME OF KHAN'S DEPARTURE FOR DELHI (REFTEL). IT WAS NOT EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT KHAN WOULD CLOSE THE DOOR ON FURTHER TALKS. FURTHERMORE, ASKING PEOPLE NOW NOT TO BE UNDULY CONCERNED IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE WIDE PUBLICITY THE BDG HAS GIVEN THE ISSUE AND THE ESSENTIALITY OF A "JUST SOLUTION", FAILING WHICH A SERIES OF INCREASINGLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS WOULD BESET THE COUNTRY. THE BDG APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO MINIMIZE ITS FAILURE TO GAIN A SOLUTION BY EXHORTATIONS TO GREATER SACRIFICE IN THE INTEREST OF "SOVEREIGNTY" AND LACK OF DEPENDENCE ON OTHERS.

3. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS YET BEEN PUBLISHED.
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